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Base operations advocate

IMA director gets firsthand look at transformation progress

By David Ruderman
104th Area Support Group Public Affairs Office

Maj. Gen. Anders B. Aadland, Installation Management Agency director, toured U.S. Army Europe installations July 12-19 to confer with base operations leaders and gauge the progress his agency has made since its inception in October 2002.

"It's a chance to spread the word and get an interchange of ideas, to see the dilemmas and concerns, especially with deployed forces. It sets the right tone for progress," he said.

Aadland is no stranger to Germany having served as a company commander in Schwetzingen and later with the U.S. Army Europe's Deputy Chief of Staff, Engineers, in Heidelberg, an assignment that took him to every community in Europe.

"Every day I was in that job I was fighting for funds for base operations, so that hasn't changed. Now we're about eight months into the process of executing the IMA trans-



Photo by Karl Weisel

Maj. Gen. Anders B. Aadland (from left), IMA director, discusses issues of concern with 104th ASG soldiers Sgt. Pedro Gonzalez and Staff Sgt. Raymond Myers during a visit to Hanau July 16.

formation," he said. "It's a profound change — no doubt about that — and it's working. The Army made a firm commitment that base operations not be low-hanging fruit to be plucked to fund other programs.

This year there has not been the migration of funds that we've seen in past years."

More dollars committed to maintaining and improving the quality of life for those serving overseas

are being used to those ends, he said. Aadland said Army leaders are also aware of concerns among soldiers and civilians raised by the transformation process.

"They want to see decisions about restationing made. They want to know. That's not in my lane, but it impacts my lane. It's important as managers of the Army's installations that we achieve standards across the board at enduring installations. The expectations of the people and communities we serve should be to see follow-through on programs we set up. We haven't done a very good job of that in the past," he said.

"The restationing theme is prevalent around the world. When soldiers, units and installations move or are shifted, it's very important for IMA, my agency, to seize on that change and make sure it's done right, to make sure that when we come out of that cycle the IMA and the Army are better off for it."

News flash

Iraq casualties

Pfc. Edward J. Herrgott, age 20, of Shakopee, Minn., died July 3 from a gunshot wound while on patrol in Baghdad. Herrgott was assigned to the 1st Armored Division's 1st Battalion, 36th Infantry Regiment in Friedberg.

Sgt. David B. Parson, age 30, of Kannapolis, N.C., was killed July 6 in Baghdad during a raid on a house. Parson was assigned to Friedberg's 1st Battalion, 37th Armor. (DoDNews)

Obituaries

Kenneth O. McGrath, a retired master sergeant, decorated Vietnam veteran and former property book technician with the 104th Area Support Group's Regional Property Book Office in Hanau died June 25 while vacationing in Spain. McGrath, age 60, retired from the military in March 1990 and worked for the U.S. government in Hanau until last year. He is survived by his wife Carola, sons Jeffery and Brian, and brother, Ralph. (Courtesy of Donna Dean, 233rd Base Support Battalion Public Affairs Office)

Otis McDaniel, manager of the Wackernheim McCully Club, died of apparent heart failure July 8. The 26-year Army veteran and long-time Department of Defense civilian employee is survived by his wife Edith and several children. A memorial service was held July 16 at Wiesbaden's Hainerberg Chapel. Condolences can be sent to Mrs. Edith McDaniel, Thuringer Str. 22, 65428 Rüsselsheim, Germany.

SSSC closing

The Hanau Self Service Supply Center will be closed July 28 to Aug. 1 for inventory. It will reopen Aug. 4. The Baumholder SSSC will be closed Aug. 4-8. It reopens on Aug. 11.

Live from Baghdad

VTCs bring families together

By David Ruderman
104th Area Support Group Public Affairs Office

Babies and commanders were the stars of a live broadcast from and to Baghdad July 15. Soldiers and family members of the 1st Armored Division's 4th Brigade in Hanau got a chance to view the brigade's change of command in Iraq and also catch up with their loved ones via a live Video Tele Conference.

In a morning-long teleconferencing marathon the brigade broadcast a change of command ceremony and about three and a half hours of couples conferences in which mothers got to introduce their newborn babies to deployed fathers.

The day's VTC activities began

when Lt. Col. D.A. Harris assumed command of 4th Brigade from Lt. Col. David L. Lawrence in a dawn ceremony timed to beat the onset of intense daytime temperatures in Iraq. The VTC linked the brigade in Baghdad with the rear detachment on Fliegerhorst Kaserne and the incoming commander's family at Fort Bragg, N.C.

Lawrence praised his soldiers for perseverance in bringing freedom to the Iraqi people. Lawrence moves on to a position with the U.S. Special Operations Command at MacDill Air Force Base, Fla. Harris comes to the brigade from the G-3 at the Pentagon.

"Everywhere I went I saw proud men and women committed to prin-

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Photo by Karl Weisel

Michele (from left), Taeghan and Alexandria Golembiesky get a look at their absent family member, Sgt. David Golembiesky, live from Baghdad.

Commentary

Letters to the editor

Volunteers are unsung heroes

There has been much talk about heroes recently. But in the midst of many people doing their jobs, and doing them well, there have been some who have volunteered to help out in their community without pay or recognition.

Their jobs may not appear important, but they keep our communities functioning during the deployment.

I'm chaplain for the Dexheim community. We're a small community and physically separated from the rest of the Wiesbaden military community.

Since the 123rd Main Support Battalion left three months ago, many have volunteered to help keep Dexheim a community.

I know the Family Readiness Groups have been active because I have been free to concentrate on other things. The battalion commander's wife seems to be involved in almost every activity on post.

Dexheim remains a community despite the deployment of almost 1,000 of its residents because so many have volunteered their time and abilities to help those remaining behind.

Because of volunteers, activities such as the library have actually expanded their programs during the deployment.

Thanks for the 'great story'

Dear Mr. Ruderman,

I just wanted to say thank you for doing a great story (*July 8 Herald Union, page 7*). I was also glad to hear that the soldiers are doing OK down there.

Thank you so much for the pictures. It was nice to be able to see my husband.

Oh ... and thanks for correcting the quotes.

Leslie Rojas, 141st Signal Battalion spouse, Wiesbaden

I could fill this column merely by listing volunteers, but instead I will offer some examples.

The Protestant chapel program here functions largely because of the dedicated volunteer efforts of Becky Williams.

In the library, Monica Sayer volunteers during the busiest part of each day, helping with the regular work of the library and being a friend to other spouses of deployed soldiers.

Another library volunteer is Sheila Frankson, mother of Dexheim's Morale Welfare and Recreation and Better Opportunity for Single Soldiers coordinator. She does a great job with the children who now flock to the library for story time and other children's programs.

These are three unsung heroes of the many we have here in Dexheim. I'm sure there are many others spread throughout the base support battalion.

If you're not one of them there's a position in the greater Wiesbaden community that needs you and your gifts.

Join the ranks of our unsung heroes.

**Chaplain (Col.) Doug McCready
Dexheim Area Support Team chaplain**

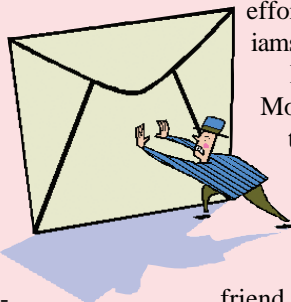


Photo by Karl Weisel
David Ruderman interviews Pfc. Charles Mitchell (left) and Spc. Jeremiah Rojas in Baghdad.

Protect youngsters from water accidents

Commentary by Gary Helmer
104th Area Support Group Safety Office

Every year hundreds of children are injured or killed in swimming pools and swimming areas. This year we have had two near drowning incidents in the 104th Area Support Group. In both cases the children were in authorized swimming areas with adult supervision. Yet they still came close to drowning.

Drowning is a silent death, and few people will call out when in trouble. What's worse, a child can die within minutes of being submerged in water. In 77 percent of the pool accidents within the United States the victims had been missing for five minutes or less when they were found submerged or drowned in the water.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission estimates that 65 percent of drowning accidents occur in pools owned by the immediate family and that 33 percent occur in pools owned by neighbors, relatives or friends. A full 69 percent of the children injured or killed in pool accidents were not even expected to be in the pool — the owners were unaware of the children's presence in the pool area.

Privately owned swimming pools in government owned or

leased housing areas are not authorized within the 104th ASG. Primarily this is due to the inability of the responsible adult to provide supervision at the pool at all times, and the lack of protective fencing for the pool area. These pools are typically unfiltered becoming dirty quickly and they provide a haven for mosquitoes to nest — a health hazard. Additionally these pools contain large amounts of water and draining them can become a problem.

Small, very shallow "wading pools" are authorized as long as the responsible adult provides constant supervision for the children and the pool is emptied and stored after each use.

Rules for pools and swimming areas:

- Instruct babysitters, child care providers and youth services personnel about potential pool hazards to children and about the use of protective devices. Emphasize the need for constant supervision.

- Never leave a child unsupervised near a pool or swimming area. During social gatherings at or near the water, appoint a "designated watcher" to protect children from accidents.

- Do not rely solely on lifeguards for the protection of your children. This is especially true

when the pool or swimming area is crowded. Know where your children are at all times.

- If a child is missing, check the water first. Seconds count in preventing death and disability. Go to the edge of the water and scan the entire area, bottom and surface, as well as the area surrounding the water.

- Do not allow a young child in the water without an adult.

- Do not consider children to be protected because they have had swimming lessons or know how to swim. Children must be watched closely at all times.

- Do not use flotation devices as a substitute for supervision.

- Learn CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation). Adults who supervise or care for children in any way should know child CPR.

- Swim only in authorized and approved pools and swimming areas.

- Make sure that children take frequent breaks from their activities to rest. All day at the pool in the hot sun can be very fatiguing for children.

- Be responsible — our children rely on us for protection.

Should you have any questions about swimming safety contact your Base Support Battalion Safety Office.

Did you know? ... Did you know?

Remember Korean War veterans July 27

Americans can honor the 3.7 million living veterans of the Korean War on July 27 during the 50th anniversary of the armistice that ended the conflict.

More than five million Americans served on active duty during

the three-year war. Thirty-four thousand lost their lives, 103,000 were wounded and 8,000 are still listed as missing in action. "These veterans are not forgotten warriors," said Anthony J. Principi, secretary of Veterans Affairs. "They will be re-

membered as long as people value courage, self-sacrifice and a commitment to democracy. Today, 50 years after the fighting ended, we remain indebted to them for their service to our nation." (*Veterans Affairs News Release*)

Fewer drivers snagged in USAREUR campaign

The U.S. Army Europe Provost Marshal's Office reported fewer seatbelt and driving under the influence citations issued during this year's July 4 holiday weekend than during the same period last year.

"The Military Police intensively enforce drunk driving laws and seatbelt compliance on military installations and in housing areas," said Lt. Col. Carol McKinney, USAREUR chief of law enforce-

ment operations. "The aim of these enforcement programs is to prevent death and serious injury that result from people driving under the influence or without seatbelts." (*USAREUR News Release*)

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ciples ... that good will triumph over evil," said Harris. "There is still much to do. There are those who think we can be pushed out. We will not back down. I join this brigade not just as a new commander, but as a fellow citizen soldier. We will do our job and go home."

The ceremony was over by 6 a.m. Hanau time, but the day's VTC marathon was just warming up. Chief Warrant Officer 4 Kenneth Jensen, 4th Brigade rear detachment staff officer, had 27 couples scheduled for about seven minutes each at the VTC.

"First, it's a nice gesture to show the 4th Brigade change of command while deployed to Iraq," said Maj. Mark Buckley, 4th Brigade rear detachment commander. "The whole VTC event allows us to bring in wives with their babies who were born after our soldiers deployed to Baghdad. It's so we can maintain our links with our deployed soldiers."

"It's more than what you could ask for under the circumstances," said Miriam Scheller after talking to her husband, Sgt. Nathan Scheller, an M1-A1 tank gunner with C Troop, 1-1st Cavalry, who got to see his son Dominik, born June 29. "It's the first time he's got to see his baby. I think he doesn't even have pictures yet."

She and her husband depend heavily on the mail to stay in touch, and the VTC was a treat, she said. "He left April 29 at three in the morning—I remember that. I get a letter here and there. He gets his letters and his boxes, his Chef Boyardee, ramen noodles and Playstation."

"It's emotional for all the women," said her father, Douglas Nemeth, visiting from Butler, Pa. "But they enjoy it from both sides. My son-in-law, you can see he's lost a little weight."

Scheller wasn't fazed by the throng of women and children biding their time in the conference room for their seven minutes over the satellite. "That's the only thing that's a downside about it, but once you get up there you kind of forget about it. It's worth it," she said.

"This is much better," said Kishma Clark, comparing the VTC to letters and phone calls after talking to her husband Spc. Thomas Clark of 1-1st Cav. "It's exciting because I haven't seen him for two months. There's a

face to go with the voice." Thomas got to talk with his wife and 3-year-old daughter Kyra, but the kicker was a first glimpse of his five-week-old daughter Ameenah.

The visual contact brought some relief to the constant worry about Thomas being deployed to Iraq, said Kishma. "It's reassuring knowing he's still there, but it's still nerve-wracking."

Melanie Roth-Kennedy got to show off her six-week-old baby Linus to her husband, Staff Sgt. Darin Kennedy of A Troop, 1-1st Cavalry. "Every five or six days we can talk for about 20 minutes. We talk about the kids, about homecoming of course, and about how much we miss each other. This is much better, but it's too short. I was happy to see him. I was expecting worse, that he'd be skinny and all, but he's not. He's OK. He wants to be home. I know that," she said.

Michele Golembiesky was on hand with her daughter Alexandria, 3, and her two-month-old baby Taeghan to talk to her husband, Sgt. David Golembiesky of B Troop, 1-1st Cavalry. Their seven minutes went quickly, she said.

"She's big," said David, seeing Taeghan for the first time.

"Twelve pounds," said Michele.

"Twelve pounds?"

"Yes."

"She's big."

"I miss you, Daddy," said Alexandria.

"I miss you too, sweetie. Did you get your present I sent you?"

"Yes."

"She liked it a lot," said Michele.

"I'm going to send you something for your tea set," said David. "How's it going?" he asked his wife.

"OK. How about you?"

"It's hot."

"Daddy, you're on the TV in little blocks," said Alexandria.

A technical glitch had frozen the image on the screen in Hanau in a series of scrambled squares. Jensen and VTC technician Pfc. Sarah Dominguez worked frantically with signal technicians to fix the flaw. "It's just regular connection problems. All technology is a little testy," said Dominguez.

"When I was in the desert last time for seven months I talked to my wife once to tell her we were coming home in about two

weeks," said Jensen. "Now we can show babies. The difference is unbelievable."

"That's OK," said David Golembiesky, making the most of his time online from Baghdad where the Hanau picture was still coming in clearly.

"Daddy?"

"Yes."

"Daddy?"

"Yes, Allie."

"I love you."

"I love you too." (Karl Weisel contributed to this report)



Photo by Karl Weisel

Kishma (from left), Ameenah and Kyra Clark talk with Spc. Thomas Clark in Baghdad during a VTC call.

News flash ... News flash

Command changes

Brig. Gen. Martin E. Dempsey assumed command of the 1st Armored Division from Brig. Gen. Fred D. Robinson Jr. during a ceremony in Baghdad July 16. Dempsey formerly worked as the program manager for the Saudi Arabian National Guard Modernization Program. Robinson moves on to a position in the Pentagon in the Emergency Relief Mobilization Office.

Brig. Gen. Vincent E. Boles will assume command of the 3rd Corps Support Command from Brig. Gen. Charles W. Fletcher in a ceremony at Logistical Support Area Anaconda in Iraq July 30. Boles comes to the Wiesbaden-based 3rd COSCOM after serving as the commander of U.S. Army Field Support Command in Rock Island, Ill. Fletcher heads to a position as the Army's G-4 in Washington, D.C. (3rd COSCOM Public Affairs)

Booze It and Lose It

Drunk driving convictions in Europe can now have stateside consequences. To deter drunk driving the U.S. Army Europe Provost Marshal now notifies stateside authorities when alcohol-related driving offenses result in the driver's license being revoked for one year or more. The notification is sent to the state which issued the driver's license and includes the blood-alcohol level and the reason for revocation. If you booze it, you'll lose it, officials said. (104th ASG Provost Marshal's Office)

No break in COLA

Some soldiers and family members believe that the Cost of Living Allowance stops upon deployment of a soldier. The fact is, when soldiers deploy, all allowances remain in effect. These allowances could include COLA, Basic Allowance for Subsistence and Basic Allowance for Housing or Overseas Housing Allowance. In addition a Family Separation Allowance of \$100 per month starts for soldiers deployed longer than 30 days. However if a family returns to the United States and stays away longer than 30 days, COLA is changed to the "without dependents" rate. Families are not reimbursed for traveling to and from the continental United States without orders. A DA Form 4187 must be submitted to change COLA entitlements. For more information contact your local finance office or call Capt. Walton at mil 379-7587. (USAREUR Public Affairs)

Supply, maintenance awards

Congratulations to the winners of the U.S. Army Europe Maintenance and Supply Excellence Awards. Several local units were among this year's winners including: **Maintenance Excellence**—Small MTOE, Headquarters and Headquarters Support Company, 1st Military Intelligence Battalion, 205th MI Brigade; **Supply Excellence**—Category A, MTOE Level II (B), 421st Medical Evacuation Battalion, 30th Medi-

cal Brigade; **Category C, Direct Support Units Level II (A)**, 77th Maintenance Company, 18th Corps Support Battalion, 16th Corps Support Group; **Category C, Direct Support Units Level II (B)**, 26th Quartermaster Supply Company, 485th Corps Support Battalion, 16th CSG. Two local units were runners-up in the Supply Excellence competition: **Category B, TDA Units Level I**, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 222nd Base Support Battalion; **Category C, Direct Support Units Level I (A)**, 569th Maintenance Company, 485th CSB, 16th CSG. (USAREUR Public Affairs)

Correction

In a July 8 *Herald Union* story on 141st Signal Battalion soldiers serving in Baghdad (page 7) the comments of two soldiers were accidentally reversed. Quotes attributed to Pfc. Charles Mitchell should have been attributed to Spc. Jeremiah Rojas and vice versa. Rojas is the husband of Leslie Rojas and the father of Jeremy, not Mitchell. We regret the error.

U of M registration

The University of Maryland holds registration for its Term 1 classes Aug. 4-15. Browse to www.ed.umuc.edu for a listing of upcoming graduate and undergraduate courses. Term 1 classes run from Aug. 18 to Oct. 10.

Suicide prevention

An Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training workshop will be held July 31 and Aug. 1 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Wiesbaden Army Airfield Community Activity Center, Building 1011. First responders, care givers and those in the helping professions are encouraged to attend. These include counselors, teachers, Military Police, rear detachment commanders, Family Readiness Group leaders, first sergeants and health care providers. The workshop is designed to give participants emergency "first aid skills" for helping people at risk of suicidal behavior. Call mil 322-1570 or civ (06181) 88-1570 to register for the workshop.

FRG links

Family Readiness Group leaders looking for ways to distribute information can put an email link on the website of the unit they are affiliated with, U.S. Army Europe officials said. The email link is a way for family members in the local community and those in other parts of the world to stay in touch with the FRG. FRG addresses can't have a person's name in them such as "LisaSmith@hotmail.com," but an address such as "237ArmorFRG@hotmail.com" is permitted, officials said. If an FRG has its own website, that site can also be linked to the unit's website. If a unit doesn't have a website the FRG link could be placed on the higher headquarters' website. For more information call Richard Grinchis, USAREUR webmaster, at mil 370-6333 or civ (06221) 57-6333. (USAREUR Public Affairs)



News and features

Keeping watch on the Tigris

Hanau engineers safeguard Iraqi waterway, bridge

By Jayme Loppnow
130th Engineer Brigade Public Affairs

As the mission in Iraq continues the threat of attack remains very real for American soldiers, which is why the 502nd Engineer Company, 565th Engineer Battalion, continues to patrol the Tigris River in Tikrit, the hometown of Saddam Hussein.

Along with the 814th Engineer Company from Fort Polk, La., soldiers of the 502nd patrol the river 24 hours a day, seven days a week to protect approximately 2,000 soldiers deployed to Camp Iron Horse and their assets.

Recent enemy attacks have targeted the 556-meter floating bridge near the 565th Headquarters, which was built as a temporary replacement for a bomb-damaged fixed bridge. The bridge was constructed by the battalion April 28, Saddam Hussein's birthday, and ironically dubbed the Birthday Bridge. Recent attempts to attack it make patrolling the river a vital mission for the 502nd.

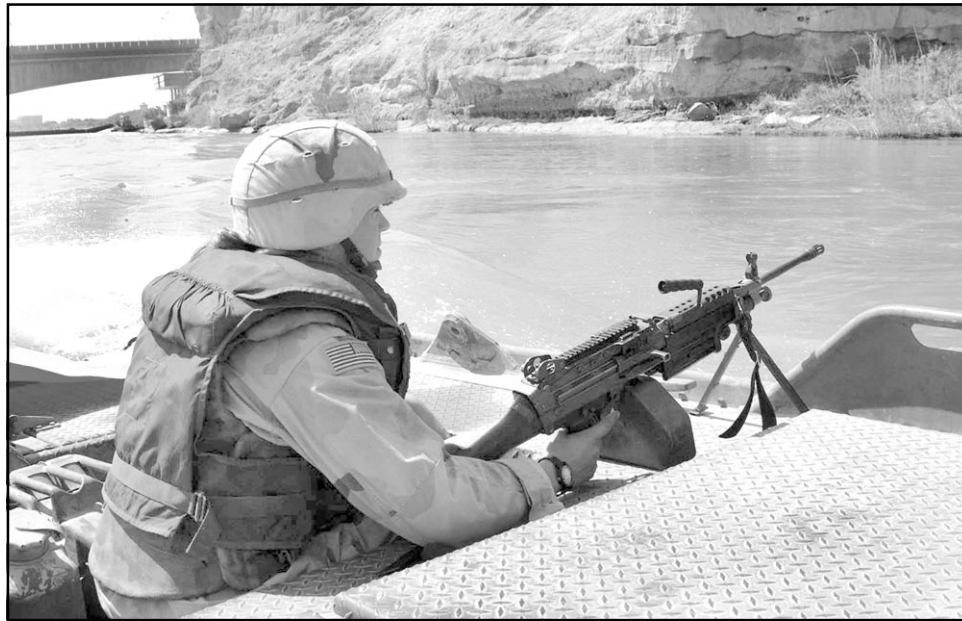


Photo by Jayme Loppnow

Pfc. Laura Stembridge, 502nd Engineer Company, keeps a close eye on the river bank for any unusual activity along the Tigris River in Tikrit. The company has conducted 24-hour river patrols ever since the 565th Engineer Battalion's arrival in Tikrit on April 23.

"In the grand scheme of things I think it's more of a presence for us being on the river and showing that we have control of the area," said Lt. Col. Richard Hornack, former 565th Engineer Battalion commander. "We've

done over 1,000 patrols, but we've never detained anybody. We've never confiscated any contraband or anything like that, but it's because we are doing river patrols 24 hours a day, seven days a week."

The 502nd patrols an area extending two kilometers north of the bridge and the 814th patrols the waters to the south. "When they hear our motors, hopefully that will deter them from anything," said 2nd Lt. Sharon Edens. Soldiers look for signs of enemy activity such as loud music at odd hours and flares, which can pinpoint the location of troops, she said.

Avoiding ambushes

The routes and times of the patrols vary to eliminate predictability. "We don't do the same thing twice," said Hornack. "We don't want to become predictable because as soon as you do, the enemy will track you down and plan an ambush."

Each boat carries an operator, a crew chief and two soldiers for security. They travel armed with an AT-4 anti-tank weapon, an M-249 5.5-mm machine gun and three M-16 assault rifles. Pvt. 2 Joshua Gauthier, a member of the patrol team, said the mission is necessary for the safety of soldiers deployed to Camp Iron Horse. "Due to the recent mortar attacks, the patrols make all the difference," he said.

The 502nd will continue the river patrols for now. "We'll do it as long as we're here," said Hornack.

Army and Air Force team up

Joining forces for motorcycle training

By Sgt. Manuel Torres-Cortes

U.S. Army Europe Public Affairs Office

Army and Air Force safety officials joined forces to host a two-week Motorcycle Safety Foundation instructor's course at Kapaun Air Station to help increase motorcycle safety throughout Europe.

The joint effort, aimed at reducing motorcycle accidents and deaths, promoted motorcycle

safety and MSF courses in Europe.

"U.S. Army Europe is strengthening its motorcycle-safety program through more stringent licensing requirements," said Gen. B.B. Bell, USAREUR commander, in a recent safety alert concerning motorcycle fatalities. "Motorcyclists must attend an MSF course given by a trained instructor. These courses will be added to the current requirements of safety instruction

and performance testing for all licensed motorcycle drivers."

Two types of classes were offered during the two-week course. One of them was an experienced riders course, which was available to riders with at least six months or 3,000 miles of continuous riding experience. "The class was a good refresher course," said Scott Ormiston, who has been riding a motorcycle since he was age 4. "It reminded me of general safety issues that I had forgotten, and we also freshened up on some advanced turning and stopping techniques."

The other course was for beginners. Riders with little or no experience attended five hours of classroom instruction to prepare them for 10 hours of practical riding in a controlled, off-street environment.

The courses covered emergency braking and maneuvering techniques, mental and physical aspects of safe riding, managing risks, lane optimization, protective gear, rider responsibility, motorcycle inspection and care, as well as the effects of alcohol and other drugs while riding.

Students also had to pass a knowledge test and riding skill evaluation after each exercise.

"Unfortunately motorcycle ac-

cidents remain consistently high with one or two fatalities a year," said Air Force Col. Scott Adams, U.S. Air Force safety director. "This is why it's so important to have these types of courses available to give riders the opportunity to improve their skills."

Six key skills are needed to avoid motorcycle accidents: emergency braking, direction perspective, maneuver anticipation, crash survival, counter steering and risk management, USAREUR safety officials said.

"Lack of knowledge is a big contributor to motorcycle accidents," said John Toner, Motorcycle Safety

Foundation rider-coach trainer. "Almost 25 percent of collisions are with other vehicles because riders don't know how to negotiate with traffic, and another 40 percent happens because the riders don't know how to slow down or react in curves."

Ten USAREUR people will be certified to teach motorcycle safety classes throughout their communities, said Mike Willoughby, Installation Management Agency Europe chief of safety. The instructors will share those skills to help USAREUR riders to become more experienced and safer motorcycle riders.



Photo by Sgt. Manuel Torres-Cortes

Daron Hoffman checks his brake light as Chris Hare assists him during the Motorcycle Safety Foundation experienced riders course.

221st BSB – Wiesbaden, Wackernheim, Dexheim

Summer fun events

Kontakt fun

Join the Kontakt German-American friendship club for its dining out evening at the Casa Europa in Mainz-Kastel Aug. 15. Or consider making new friends with Kontakt at the Miniature Golf Tournament Aug. 17 at 2 p.m. at the miniature golf course at Strassenmühle in Wiesbaden-Dotzheim. Deadline to sign up for either event is Aug. 6. Call Evelyn Zierer at civ (0160) 655 5976.

Outdoor Rec trips

Wiesbaden Outdoor Recreation features the following upcoming trips: **Fishing in Limburg**, \$35, Aug. 3, 17 and 31; **Bicycling to Bingen**, \$15-20, Aug. 4; **Rhine River kayaking**, \$15, Aug. 6; **Lahn River biking and camping**, \$89-99, Aug. 8-10; **Playmobil Land**, \$30-40, Aug. 9; **Frankfurt's Palmengarten**, \$10, Aug. 10; **Hiking at the Felsenmeer** (sea of rocks in the Odenwald), \$20, Aug. 11; **Nahe River rafting**, \$30, Aug. 13; **Morganbachtal rock climbing**, \$15, Aug. 17; **Bike trip to Rüdesheim**, \$15-20, Aug. 18; **Main River canoeing**, \$15, Aug. 20; **Hiking at Heidelberg Castle**, \$20, Aug. 22; **Skate trip to Heidelberg**, \$20,

Aug. 22; **Lego Land**, \$50-60, Aug. 22; **Petting Zoo**, \$10, Aug. 24; **Bike trip to Diez and Schaumburg Castle**, \$15-20, Aug. 25; **Bike trip to Heidelberg Castle**, \$20-25, Aug. 22; **Nahe River kayaking**, \$15, Aug. 27; **Camp Darby**, \$185, Aug. 29-31; **Taunus Wonderland**, \$30-40, Aug. 30. Call the Wiesbaden or Dexheim Outdoor Recreation centers at civ (0611) 705-5760 or (06133) 69-818 for more information.

Ford Summer Jam

The Wiesbaden Army Airfield will be the site of a free summer event including volleyball, monsterball, basketball, children's games, best-dressed pet contest, yoga, bike safety checks, a rock-climbing wall, live band, giveaways, a dunking booth, food vendors and more Aug. 16 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Summer reading program

Team 221st community libraries host a Kids Only Club every Wednesday including a short camp-out or picnic accompanied by story time with the library staff. Stop by any of the community libraries at Wiesbaden, Dexheim or McCully Barracks to find out more.



Uncasing the colors in Wiesbaden

Members of the 421st Medical Evacuation Battalion's Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment stand in formation in Wiesbaden during a ceremony marking the uncasing of the unit's colors July 8 and the battalion's return from Iraq. Members of the battalion deployed April 18 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.